

**REMARKS**

Original claims 1, 2, 8-10 and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 3-7, 13 and 14 are pending. Amended claims 3-7, 13 and 14 have been rewritten to be in independent form by including the limitations of the original independent claims from which claims 3-7, 13 and 14 depended. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended throughout to clarify the disclosure and improve readability. In addition, the specification has been amended to cross-reference its parent application. No new matter has been added.

The subject application has been amended to add an abstract. The specification as a whole supports the abstract; no new matter has been added.

A substitute specification and clean version of the claims reflecting these amendments accompany this Preliminary Amendment.

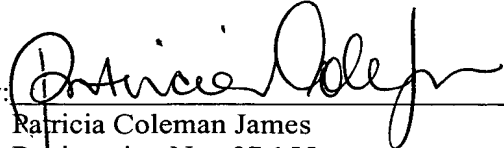
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above-made amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request an early action on the merits. In the event that a telephonic interview would be helpful for advancing the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (415) 393-2168.

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